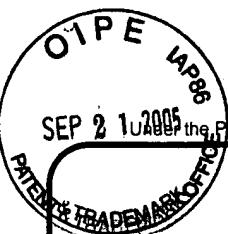


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	Filing Date	June 30, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Lynn Y. Shimada
	Art Unit	1762
	Examiner Name	Alain L. Bashore
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Applicant hereby respectfully requests continued examination of the above-referenced patent application, and provides this Response and fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The following Response addresses every rejection set forth in the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 26, 2005, thus placing the application in condition for allowance.